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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR VISIT AUTHORIZATION

REFS (A) MARAD WA-78-0494, DTG 191351ZJUL78; (B) RUEBBAE
SVC #0494 2001350, 29JUL78; (C) USNATO SVC 07647; (D)
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1. ON 17 JULY 1978, MR. STEPHEN C. OROSZ, GS-15, MARITIME ATTACHE, US EMBASSY, BRUSSELS VISITED USNATO TO REQUEST, INTRA ALIA, A 6-MONTH NATO PASS. HE WAS INFORMED THAT A TOP SECRET CERTIFICATE OF CLEARANCE WAS REQUIRED AND THAT INASMUCH AS HE WAS STATIONED AT AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS THIS CLEARANCE SHOULD BE PROVIDED TO THE REGIONAL SECURITY OFFICER, AMEMBASSY, BRUSSELS WHO WOULD CERTIFY THE CLEARANCE TO USNATO.
 2. ON 19 JULY 1978, REF (A) WAS RECEIVED BY USNATO, ALTHOUGH IT SHOULD HAVE PROPERLY BEEN SENT THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TO AMEMBASSY, BRUSSELS. IT WAS NOTED AT USNATO THAT THE BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION, UNDER NATO REGULATION, WAS OUTDATED. (FYI: NATO REQUIRED BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS CONDUCTED WITHIN PAST FIVE YEARS.) TELEPHONE CONTACTS WERE MADE WITH RSO AMEMBASSY, BRUSSELS FOR RESOLUTION.
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3. ON 30 JULY 1978, REF (B) WAS RECEIVED. IN VIEW OF NON-RECOGNITION OF PROBLEM NOTED IN PARA 2 ABOVE, A REQUEST FOR A TEMPORARY 6-MONTH CTS PASS WAS INITIATED, AND MR. OROSZ WAS INFORMED THIS PASS COULD BE PICKED UP ON 1 AUGUST 1978, AT THE NATO HEADQUARTERS ENTRANCE. USMISSION REPLIED TO SVC QUERY NOTING RECEIPT OF REF (A) BY REF (C).

4. MR. OROSZ PICKED UP THE PASS ON 9 AUGUST 1978. WE ARE AMAZED BY INDICATIONS OF TURNAWAY ON ATTEMPTS TO VISIT USNATO, AS SUGGESTED BY REF (D). MR. OROSZ CLAIMS HE HAS HAD NO PROBLEM ENTERING NATO HEADQUARTERS WITH HIS PASS.

5. USNATO, AS A MISSION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TO NATO, COMPLIES STRICTLY WITH STATE AND NATO HEADQUARTERS SECURITY REQUIREMENTS. WE ARE PREPARED TO HELP MR. OROSZ AS MUCH AS WE CAN IN VIEW OF ASSISTANCE HE CAN PROVIDE IN CEP AREA. MR. OROSZ, OF COURSE, CAN OBTAIN A VISITOR'S PASS ON AN "AS REQUIRED" BASIS, UP TO AND INCLUDING MEETINGS CLASSIFIED AT NATO SECRET LEVEL, WITH INFORMATION PROVIDED TO DATE, BUT HIS CTS CANNOT BE HONORED UNTIL A BI UPDATE IS COMPLETED.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE PROVIDE BI UPDATE ASAP TO RSO, AMEMBASSY, BRUSSELS IF 6-MONTH PASS IS REQUIRED FOR ATTENDANCE AT NATO MEETINGS ABOVE THE NATO SECRET LEVEL. BENNETT

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